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Senator Paul Sarbanes  
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Sarbones:

I recently sent a letter to General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev and to Ambassador Yuriy Dubinin of the U.S.S.R. proposing a meeting between General Secretary Gorbachev and members of our Young American News Network. We also proposed a meeting with young Soviet citizens.

One main concern that we would like to discuss at this proposed meeting is a clarification of the situation of Raoul Wallenberg. In the next few weeks, Ambassador Dubinnin will receive letters from students all over our United States expressing their concern for Raoul Wallenberg. What a historical event if this matter could be resolved! I have also asked Pope John Paul II, President Reagan, Vice President Bush, other Senators and Representatives and many others to intercede on behalf of Mr. Wallenberg. I hope that you will also support the efforts of the Young American News Network and personally intervene in this important matter to make clear the situation of Mr. Wallenberg. I feel that this proposed meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev could provide an opportunity for our young people to better understand and learn more about the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The Young American News Network is a non-profit organization that represents students of our country. We voice their ideas and educational concerns and also take on special projects. We are presently establishing a Hero Hall of Fame in Dallas, Texas.

Thank you, Senator Sarbones, for considering this matter. Our Young American News Network wishes you the best now and with your future plans.

Respectfully

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